

# ***DRAFT AGENDA***

## **NASA Biodiversity and Ecological Forecasting Team Meeting April 22 – 23, 2015**

**Marriott Hotel and Conference  
Center College Park, MD  
Room: Chesapeake Salon B**

### **Wednesday Afternoon, April 22**

1:30PM      **Load Talks**

2:00PM      **Biodiversity and Ecological Forecasting Program Update**  
*Woody Turner/NASA ESD*

2:15PM      **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**  
The Role of Taxonomic, Functional, Genetic, and Landscape Diversity in  
Food Web Responses to a Changing Environment  
*Tony Ives/University of Wisconsin*

Linking Remotely Sensed Optical Diversity to Genetic, Phylogenetic and  
Functional Diversity to Predict Ecosystem Processes  
*Jeannine Cavender-Bares/University of Minnesota*

Mapping of Stress on Native Tree Species across Western United States  
and Canada  
*Amanda Mathys/University of British Columbia*

The Biogeography and Evolution of Drought Tolerance in Grasses  
*Joseph Craine/Kansas State University*

3:15PM      **Additional Questions and Discussion**

3:30PM      **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**  
Bayesian Data-Model Synthesis for Biological Conservation and  
Management in Antarctica  
*Heather Lynch/Stony Brook University*

Satellite Driven Studies of Climate-mediated Changes in Antarctic Food  
Webs  
*Matt Oliver/University of Delaware*

4:00PM      **Break**

4:15PM      **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**

Forecasting Changes in Habitat Use by Bowhead Whales in Response to Arctic Climate Change

*Eli Holmes/NOAA*

Climate Change, Sea Ice Loss, and Polar Bears in Greenland

*Kristin Laidre/University of Washington*

4:45PM      **Additional Questions and Discussion**

5:00PM      Integrating Global Species Distributions, Remote Sensing Information and Climate Station Data to Assess Recent Biodiversity Response to Climate Change

*Walter Jetz/Yale University*

Developing and Testing the Dynamic Habitat Index from Terra and Aqua MODIS Data for Biodiversity and Conservation Science

*Volker Radeloff/University of Wisconsin*

Global Population Dynamics and Climate Change: Comparing Species-level Impacts on Two Contrasting Large Mammals

*Mark Hebblewhite/University of Montana*

WhaleWatch: A Tool Using Satellite Telemetry and Remotely-sensed Environmental Data to Provide Near Real-time Predictions of Whale Occurrence in the California Current System

*Helen Bailey/University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science*

6:00PM      **Additional Questions and Discussion**

6:15PM      **Dinners with Colleagues**

### **Thursday, April 23**

8:15AM      **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**

Genetic Programming for Ocean Microbial Ecology and Biodiversity

*John Moisan/NASA Wallops Flight Facility*

Merging Satellite and Numerical Model Data in the California Current to Create Continuous Imagery and Forecasts of Harmful Algal Blooms

*Clarissa Anderson/University of California, Santa Cruz*

EcoCatch: Improving Ecological and Economic Sustainability of Marine Fisheries Using Remotely-sensed Oceanographic Data

*Rebecca Lewison/San Diego State University*

Snapshot Wisconsin – Bringing Wildlife Management into Focus:

Integrating Camera Traps, Remote Sensing and Citizen Science to  
Improve Population Modeling  
*Phil Townsend/University of Wisconsin*

9:15AM **Additional Questions and Discussion**

9:30AM **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**  
Assembly and Evolution of the Amazonian Biota and its Environment: An  
Integrated Approach  
*Joel Cracraft/American Museum of Natural History*

A Multidisciplinary Framework for Biodiversity Prediction in the  
Brazilian Atlantic Forest Hotspot  
*Ana Carnaval/CUNY City College*

10:00AM **Break**

10:15AM **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**  
Combining Remote Sensing and Biological Data to Predict the  
Consequences of Climate Change on Hummingbird Diversity  
*Catherine Graham/ SUNY Stony Brook*

Desert Birds in a Warming World: Characterizing Thermal Stress with  
Daily Earth Observation Data in Complex Terrain  
*Thomas Albright/University of Nevada, Reno*

10:45AM **Additional Questions and Discussion**

11:00AM **Plenary Discussion Session**  
*Topic: Based on your NASA-funded activities, please suggest components  
for integrated global-to-local biodiversity observation and monitoring  
networks to support large connected landscapes and seascapes for  
preserving and enhancing Nature*

12:00PM **Lunch**

1:15PM **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**  
The Salmonid Population Viability Project: A System to Forecast the  
Demographic and Genetic Viability of Salmonid Fish across Broad  
Regions under Changing Climates  
*Seth Wenger/University of Georgia/Trout Unlimited*

Projecting Effects of Climate Change on Pacific Rim Rivers and Salmon:  
Integrating Remote Sensing, Landscape Genomics, and Demography to  
Inform Conservation  
*Gordon Luikart/University of Montana*

System for Mapping and Predicting Species of Concern (SMAP-SOC)  
*John Olson/Desert Research Institute*

From the Watershed to the Ocean: Using NASA Data and Models to  
 Understand and Predict Variations in Central California Salmon  
*Eric Danner/NOAA*

2:15PM **Additional Questions and Discussion**

2:30PM **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**

Management and Conservation of Highly Migratory Fish in the Gulf of  
 Mexico under IPCC Climate Change Scenarios  
*Mitch Roffer/Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecasting Service, Inc.*

Physiological Impacts of Climate Change Using Remote Sensing  
*David Wetthey/University of South Carolina*

3:00PM **Additional Questions and Discussion**

3:15PM **Break**

3:30PM **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**

Avian Abundance Estimation across the Pacific Flyway for Full Life-cycle  
 Conservation Planning  
*Steve Kelling/Cornell Lab of Ornithology*

Effects of Extreme Climate Events on Avian Demographics  
*Pat Heglund/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

Spatial Responses to Climate across Trophic Levels: Monitoring and  
 Modeling Plants, Prey, and Predators in the Intermountain Western U.S.  
*Tom Edwards/U.S. Geological Survey/Utah State University*

Using NASA Resources to Inform Climate and Land Use Adaptation  
*Andrew Hansen/Montana State University*

4:30PM **Additional Questions and Discussion**

4:45PM **Project Talks (12 minutes each plus 3 minutes for questions)**

Sensitivity of Coastal Zone Ecosystems to Climate Change  
*Candy Feller/Smithsonian Institution*

Using the USGS "Resource for Advanced Modeling" to Connect Climate  
 Drivers to Biological Responses

*Jeff Morisette/U.S. Geological Survey*

Monitoring and Forecasting Chimpanzee Habitat Health in Africa to  
Inform Conservation Actions, Strategies and Measure Success

*Lilian Pintea/Jane Goodall Institute*

- 5:30PM      **Additional Questions and Discussion**
- 5:45PM      **Programmatic Issues: Questions and Answers**  
Woody Turner/NASA
- 6:00PM      **Meeting Ends**